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Asa Gray

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John May
I have written you a letter, and he
wished you to write to him
and I left at once. The same
wish is expressed by the servants
at London & at Paris. And
if my little sheet allowed I
could give what I think very
sufficient reasons for asking
you to consider whether you
should not send Gay thence
a year to England, Louis, a Ger-
man, Please imagine
some of the reasons, and consider
the question. As to Egypt.

of I have, I think, if worst
counsels prevail, Dr. Pennington
will be found the place. To him
it belongs by the most legitimate
claim, and he would just now
be the best man. But I hear
nothing of what is going on.

Mrs. May sends her love
to you and all yours. (I think
I wrote you that kind Miss Sul-
livan speaks warmly of you.)
My warmest remembrance also
ever yours A. Gray

My dear Prof. Henry
Your kind letter, enclosing
a note of introduction to Mr.
Nevady Johnson, reached me a
few days before we left England,
and so I have kept it. He was
expected at a reception at 24, St. James,
just before we left, but he did
not come. It is of no particular
consequence, and as to the matter
of paying my respects to our
representative, I more regret
that time did not allow me
to call on General Clayton at
Paris.

What I more
regret is, that you forgot to
send me the official introduc-
tion from the Smithsonian Institution,
which might have been useful
in Egypt, &c. Perhaps, if you
could get send it, thro. the
State Department to Charles
State Esq., our Consul General
at Alexandria, it might be very

will for me to have it, as I
should, at Oporto, on our return
from the Upper Nile.
Well, we have had 2 very pleas-
ant and profitable months
in England, at Ken. I visiting
a little bit, - some good literari-
cal work done, and Mrs Gray
decidedly improved in health,
tho' there is still room for
what a more Southern climate
may do, and quite time we
sought it; for it, has been
cold and raw in England. Also
in Paris - where we had a short
work, and I did a little literary
work. A night ride by a
quick train took us to the
Mediterranean region, - at least
to Arignon, which we passed
most of yesterday in, going on
to Arles to sleep. To-day
I delighted Mrs. G. with the
Roman amphitheatre, and
that you will preserve

Geny of a Roman building.
 The so-called maison carrée
 and other attractive things,
 of that choice town, and
 this afternoon we caught
 sight of the Mediterranean,
 which I first saw from here
 almost 30 years ago, and
 soon we were domiciled for
 a day or so in this university
 town. I have already seen
 Prof. Martins, and made
 arrangements to fill the day
 to-morrow. Then we go to Mar-
 seilles via Arles, where there is
 a more ruined amphitheatre to
 see; and then we expect to get
 a few days on the most pic-
 resque shore as far east as Mar-
 time or beyond, before we sail
 for Alexandria.

I left a parcel of 100 -
you, a gent, Wesley's - but
failed to see him. His clerk is
told me that his little ship
- a very, ^{obscure} & shabby little one. (end)